

By the Queene.



THE Queenes Maiestie being lately informed in Englande, by some Noblemen, and other her faithfull Subjects of good calling in the Province of Monster within her Realme of Ireland, that, where late inquisitions and surueys haue bene made, by certaine her ministers in sundry Shires within the said Province, to knowe what landes had lawfully escheated vnto her Maiestie in right of her Crowne, by the Attayndor of the late Traytour the Earle of Desmond, and his Confederates in the same Rebellion: whereupon diuers haue sought by Graunts from her Maiestie, to haue the same landes so found as escheated, vpon rents and seruices, with a mind to inhabite the same being desolate of people, for manurance and occupation thereof, who by colour of such Graunts, (as the Complainants say) doe challenge and seise for her Maiestie, certaine landes and territories, which in no lawfull wise could escheate to her Maiestie by the aforesaide Rebellion, for that the same hath bene the Inheritance of her good Subjects of that Realme nowe complaining, who neither were attainted, nor did offend, but rather serued her Maiestie most faithfully.

Upon these considerations, her Maiestie would it should be knowen for a most certaintie, that she neuer had any mind to graunt any portion of land as escheated, how little soeuer the same might be, that was the Inheritance of any Subject that had not offended: but is fully determined, that no person within the same Province of Monster, that either did not offend in that Rebellion, or hauing offended, hath bene for his offence through her mercie duely pardoned, with a restitution of his landes in the same Pardon, shall be expelled or disturbed of his possession, but that there shall be with all conuenient speede, due inquisition made by Commissioners very indifferent, with great charge and sufficient authoritie, to heare the complaints of her Subjects thus grieued, and to examine the titles of all persons that shall complaine of any molestation offered vnto them, by any clayming any interest by graunt from her Maiestie, as of landes escheated. And to this purpose, her Maiestie hath with very Princely and fauourable answer dismissed certaine of her Subjects of that Countrey, being of good estimation with her Maiestie both for their good seruices, and for their degrees, who came hither to her Maiestie with their complaints. And so shee doubteth not, but the rest being there in Monster, that may pretend cause of complaint, shall be reasonably satisfied with all fauour, as farrefoorth as their tytles or pretences may bee prooued to bee good and lawfull, and not claymed by colour of any forged or fayned tytles to mainteine any their vniust claymes. For so is her Princely minde disposed, to make no difference for respect of Persons or Countrey, against Justice, esteeming the Noblemen and good Subjects of that Lande, as deare in degree of subiection, as any bozne in Englande, making no difference betwixt the one and the other, but accompting them all in one equalitie of subiection, and in her duetie befoze God to answer for the weale of both with one measure of care. And for assurance and testimonie of this her Maiesties good meaning in fauour of Justice, whereof shee is Gods chiefe minister ouer all her Subiectes, shee hath both conceiued and vttered the same with her owne mouth, and signed it with her owne hande, and directed it to bee published and proclaimed in all vsuall publique places within the Province of Monster, or within any other part of that Realme, where her principall Officers shall thinke meete, for satisfaction of her good Subiectes.

Giuen at Richemond the fourth day of Nouember. In the nine and twentieth yeere of her Highnesse raigne.

God saue the Queene.